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VALUABLE Liaison Report
16 June-15 July 1954

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SOURCE/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

REF: SGAA 10642, 30 June 1954

Headquarters' Action Required

None - for information and files.

Synopsis

VALUABLE Laborious Team scrubbed.
Groundstock letter incident.
[] [] leaves Athens on TDY assignment.

Account of Developments

17 June

1. [] passed [] memo per Headquarters' request raising the various matters Prenk Gruda brought to the attention of Braham regarding his reception in the free world and the status of certain Albanians in Austria. A joint unity meeting was held with Kaempfer who urged the backers to continue their close association with HTNEIGH rather than pull out, requested HTNEIGH be permitted to nominate representatives in Turkey and England, and urged their Athens representatives be permitted to be more active politically. As a final point Kaempfer requested careful consideration be given to increasing the HTNEIGH subsidy to permit larger payments to committee members.

18 June

2. [] was passed a memo reporting on our leaflet raid of 16 June. [] stated he would immediately pass the contents of the Gruda memo to London but felt personally Gruda had received very good treatment upon his arrival in the West.

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3. [] was advised this desk planned a July leaflet raid during the moon period and was passed copy of OBKEEK text. [] had no word on long scheduled June VALUABLE leaflet raid. At this meeting he asked for further details as to source on our report on possible submarine assembly in Albania with which he was familiar with because of inclusion of this item in the semi-annual Intel Summary prepared for VALUABLE by Headquarters. GAROBOT was present at this meeting and the Groundstock approach by the Yugoslavs was the main subject of the conversation. GAROBOT approved of a Groundstock letter to HTNEIGH on this matter and requested that [] and [] see Groundstock together to clear up the discrepancies in Groundstock's tale as told to [] and []. For a report on this matter please see Para 7 of SGAA 10761, 12 July 1954, and related cable traffic. Also Para 3 of SGAA 10932, 24 July 1954.

29 June

4. [] telephoned passing on text of July OBKEEK and advised the writer he was going to leave Athens soon.

30 June

5. Groundstock and AIKERF seen by [] and []. All parties agreed an unfortunate misunderstanding had arisen over Groundstock's account of his visit from the Yugoslav. Groundstock assumed all responsibility. AIKERF confirmed Groundstock had not requested action from this desk when report initially made to us. Groundstock and AIKERF are to prepare letter to HTNEIGH. Method for mailing and final decision to follow. Driving back from this meeting, [] informed the writer without disclosing any reason that Labarious had been indefinitely postponed ([] 7556) and that he was leaving Athens in the near future for several weeks.

Writer's Comment

6. This desk would like to bring to [] and Headquarters' attention the possibility that failure to carry out a leaflet raid recently and indefinite postponement of their single scheduled agent operation taken together may represent a significant change in EGYPTIA cold war policy toward Albania. Upon receipt of GITA 419, 2 July 1954, the Albanian section concluded [] had gone to Trieste to pick up members of his 1953 Lucid team whose arrival was reported in this dispatch.

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